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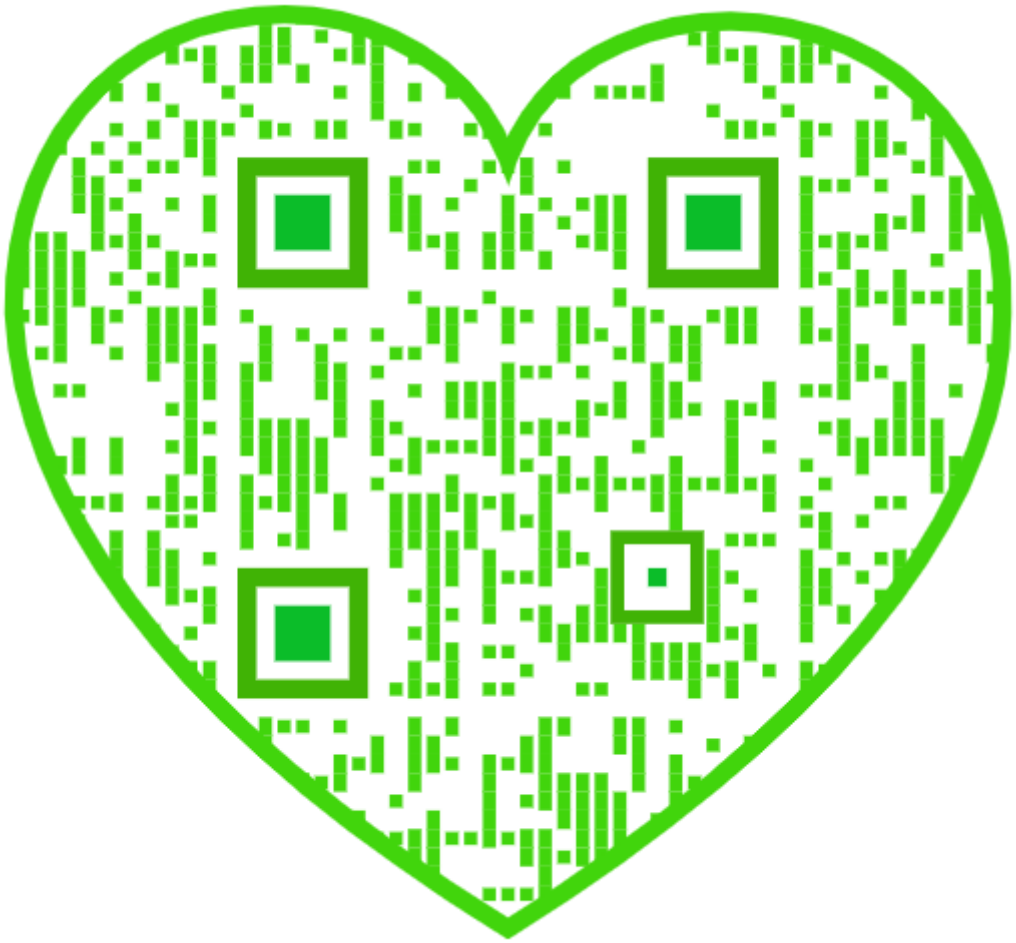

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Christmas Morn.

Tune—"The Sweetest Name."

1. O come and sing of Christmas morn,
   The bells with joy are ringing,
   That blessed morn when Christ was born,
   While angel choirs were singing.

CHORUS.

O come and sing,
The anthem ring,
With angels sing
The story
Of Christmas morn,
When Christ was born,
And crown him King
Of Glory.

2. Sing, sing the grandest theme on earth,
   The dearest, sweetest story
   Of Christmas morn, our Saviour's birth,
   When came the Lord of Glory.

3. To Bethlehem that Christmas morn,
   There came the little stranger,
   And in a stable he was born
   And cradled in a manger.

4. That Christmas morn the Son of man,
   Who never knew beginning,
   On earth a human life began
   That never could be sinning.

5. O Holy Child of Bethlehem!
   We love thy birth-day story;
   We'll take the royal diadem,
   And crown thee King of Glory!

Christmas Anthem.

Tune—"Antioch."

1. Come hear the grandest, gladdest song
   Of all the ages past,
   An anthem old, yet ever new,
   That ever more shall last.

2. Come hear the anthem that was sung
   That glorious Christmas morn
   When in the town of Bethlehem
   Our Saviour Christ was born.

3. Amid the stillness of the night,
   Sweet music filled the air
   From angel choirs with harps of gold;
   And there was glory there.

4. In joyful praise the anthem rang:
   "Glory to God on high!
   And peace on earth, good-will to men!"
   And Heaven and earth reply.

5. The anthem echoed far and wide,
   Resounding through the sky;
   And over hill and plain were heard
   Glad tidings from on high.

6. And still there echoes through the world
   The herald angels' song,
   For "peace on earth, good-will to men,"
   To all of us belong.

7. And now we hear the anthem of
   The bright, angelic throng,
   The anthem old, yet never new,
   The grandest, gladdest song.

Merry Christmas Bells.

Tune—"Ring the Bells of Heaven."

1. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear,
Over hill and vale, in every clime,
Sending all the world around the joyful cheer!
Loud and clear the Christmas carols chime!

CHORUS.

Merry, merry Christmas in the air,
Happy, happy Christmas everywhere!
Merry, merry Christmas tells of Jesus' birth,
Happy, happy Christmas, peace on earth!

2. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;
From the ages past good news they tell.
"Glory! Peace on earth, good-will to men," we hear,
Loud and clear the Christmas anthems swell!

3. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;
Hear the merry chiming of the bells
Sounding forth the gladdest day of all the year!
Loud and clear the Christmas music swells!

4. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;
Happy mem'ries of the past they bring,
Happy days of childhood with their magic cheer;
Loud and clear the Christmas tidings ring!

5. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;
Hear the merry bells of Christmas time
Telling now to all the merry, happy cheer!
Loud and clear the Christmas carols chime!

"Peace, Good-Will."

Tune—"Whosoever Will."

1. Hear the herald angels; hear, hear them sing!
"Glory! Peace on earth, good-will to men we bring!'
Over hill and vale the angel-anthems ring:
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring!"

CHORUS.

"Peace, good-will we bring;
Peace, good-will we bring!"
Hallelujah! 'tis the birth-day of our King!
All around the world the Christmas carols ring:
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring!"

2. Hear the merry Christmas bells; hear them ring!
Joining in the anthem and their tribute bring.
Merry Christmas bells with herald angels sing:
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring!"

3. Hear the merry children; hear, hear them sing:
"Merry Christmas! 'tis the birth-day of our King!"
Merry children, Christmas bells, and angels ring:
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring!"

4. Hear the Christmas tidings; hear, hear them ring!
Over hill and vale this birth-day of our King!
Christmas tidings, children, bells, and angels sing:
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring!"

5. Hear our Christmas carols; hear, hear us sing,
As our heart's best offering to Christ we bring!
Carols, tidings, children, bells, and angels ring:
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring!"

Christmas Story.

Tune—"Shining Shore."

1. To shepherds with their flocks by night
   An angel came and glory,
   The Lord's own messenger and light,
   And told a Christmas story.

CHORUS.

With angels sing,
Our praises bring,
And tell the Christmas story
How Christ was born
That blessed morn,
And crown him King of Glory!

2. That Christmas morn the angel said
   To shepherds there abiding:
   "Fear not"—for they were sore afraid—
   "I bring to you good tidings."

3. "Good tidings of great joy I bring
   To you and all the people"—
   O let the joyful tidings ring
   From every spire and steeple!

4. "For unto you is born this day
   In David's town a Saviour,
   Which is the Christ the Lord"—the Way
   Of God's most gracious favor!

5. "And this shall be to you a sign:
   That ye the little stranger
   All wrapped in swaddling clothes shall find,
   And lying in a manger."

6. They heard angelic voices then:
   "To God on high be glory!
   And peace on earth, good-will to men"—
   O wondrous Christmas story!

Bethlehem's Guiding Star.

Tune—"Wonderful Words of Life."

1. Sing of Bethlehem's guiding star,
Join in the glad refrain;
Star of glory from heights afar,
Shining o'er hill and plain!
Guiding star of glory!
Wondrous Christmas story!
Beautiful star, guiding afar!
Wonderful guiding star!

2. Sing of Bethlehem's guiding star,
Leading across the earth
Wise men watching in lands afar,
Telling our Saviour's birth,
Finding Christ the stranger
Cradled in a manger.
Beautiful star, guiding afar!
Wonderful guiding star!

3. Sing of Jesus our Guiding Star,
Shining that all can see,
Finding sinners who've wandered far,
Guiding them, Lord, to thee;
Christ, the Saviour given,
Leading us to Heaven.
Beautiful Star, guiding afar!
Wonderful Guiding Star!

4. Sing the Bright and the Morning Star,
Making our pathway bright.
Led by Christ, though we've wandered far,
Surely we'll walk aright;
Perils ne'er can harm us,
Nothing can alarm us.
Beautiful Star, guiding afar!
Wonderful Guiding Star!

Christmas Song.

Tune—"The Old, Old Story."

1. Come sing the sweetest story
That earth has ever known,
How came the King of Glory
From Heaven's eternal throne;
Sing, sing the grand old story
Of Christ our Saviour's birth,
How Jesus came from glory
And Heaven met with earth.

CHORUS.

O sing the grand old story,
How came the King of Glory,
The dearest, sweetest story,
Of Christ our Saviour's birth.

2. Sing how that little stranger,
The Babe of Bethlehem,
Was cradled in a manger,
Earth's best and brightest gem;
When after weary ages
Were numbered with the past,
The Child of all the ages,
The Christ, was born at last.

3. Sing how angelic voices
Were heard by shepherds' ear,
While all the earth rejoices
With tidings glad and dear;
And hills and groves are swelling,
And sending back reply,
While angel choirs are telling
Glad tidings from on high.

4. O sing this sweetest story,
And singing learn to love
And serve the King of Glory
Who came from Heaven above.
O sing the grand old story,
And join in glad accord;
And crown our King of Glory
This birth-day of our Lord!

Christmas Carol.

Tune—"Newton."

1. Christmas Morn!
Sing! Christ is born!
Morn of morns
Is Christmas morn!
Shepherds heard the angels sing:
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring."
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas morn!
Hallelujah! Christ is born!

2. Christmas Day!
Sing! Christ the Way!
Day of days
Is Christmas day!
Best and brightest of the year!
Way to God and Heaven made clear!
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas day!
Hallelujah! Christ the Way!

3. Christmas Night!
Sing! Christ the Light!
Night of nights
Is Christmas night!
Doom and darkness turned to light!
Way to God and Heaven made bright!
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas night!
Hallelujah! Christ the Light!

4. Christmas Days!
Sing! Christ we praise!
Gladdest days
Are Christmas days!
With the herald angels sing
Endless praise to Christ our King!
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas days!
Hallelujah! Christ we praise!

5. Christmas Cheer!
Sing! Christ is here!
Sweetest cheer
Is Christmas cheer!
"Peace on earth, good-will" are here!
Tidings glad and sweet and dear!
"Peace, good-will" with Christmas cheer!
Hallelujah! Christ is here!

New Year's Festival.

Tune—"America."

1. Our New Year's Festival,
With thee to-night we shall
In gladsome voice
Unite our hearts and sing,
And make our old church ring,
As we our tribute bring,
And all rejoice.

2. The New Year is begun--
O Father, Spirit, Son!
To Thee we sing.
The future is unknown,
Great mercies thou hast shown,
Thy leading we would own,
Our God and King.

3. O Heavenly Father, hear!
Through all the coming year
Be very near;
And lead us close to thee,
Thy free salvation see,
Thy happy children be,
And never fear.

4. O Saviour Christ, draw near!
And consecrate this year.
Choose thou our way;
Be thou our guide and light,
And shield us by thy might,
So shall we walk aright,
And never stray.

5. O Holy Ghost, draw near!
And guide us through the year.
O Holy Light!
Descend, and on us shine
Thy energy divine,
And make us wholly thine
To do the right.

6. O Father, Spirit, Son,
Jehovah, Three in One!
Wilt thou be near?
Though perils may abound,
With thee let us be found,
Thy loving arms around,
All through the year.

The New Year.

Tune—"America."

1. Another year is done,
A new one is begun
With joy and cheer.
This year of Ninety-three
We know not what shall be.
We wish that all may see
A happy year.

2. O Lord! this coming year
Our lot without a fear
We leave to thee.
Our path with good or ill
With joy or sorrow fill,
We know thy leading still
The best will be.

3. 'Tis thine to show thy ways,
And thine the coming days,
And thine the year,
And thine the day and night,
And thine the dark and light,
And thine to lead us right,
And thine to cheer.

4. O fill our lives with praise;
Through all these coming days,
Give us thy light.
Though days be dark and drear,
With Jesus ever near,
So shall we never fear;
All will be bright.

5. O Father, Spirit, Son!
Whate'er with us is done,
'Twill still be best.
Then lead us by thy hand,
Obeying thy command,
To Heaven's happy land,
To peace and rest.

Salvation.

Tune—"Missionary Hymn."

1. We love to *have* salvation
From Christ who died to save,
The precious proclamation
That God to sinners gave,
The great emancipation
For every sin-bound slave.
Salvation! oh, salvation
From Christ who died to save!

2. We love to *see* salvation,
Secured at highest cost,
Proclaimed to every nation,
To every sinner lost;
Let Christ and his salvation
To every one be given,
To men of every station,
Preparing all for Heaven.

3. We love to *learn* salvation
In Church and Sabbath School,
The blessed proclamation
Of Jesus and his rule.
It wins our hearts victorious,
The young as well as old;
O precious truth more glorious
Than ever angels told!

4. We love to *know* salvation,
And so be truly blest,
The only true foundation
On which our hopes can rest.
We know we have a Saviour
Who suffered in our place,
And we enjoy the favor
Of sinners saved by grace.

Emancipation.

Tune—"Webb."

1. We love to *sing* salvation
That saved us from the fall,
The great emancipation
That Christ secured for all.
We'll sing with those in glory
The song of praise above;
'Twill be the same old story
Of God's redeeming love.

2. We love to *send* salvation
Wherever man is found,
At home, to every nation,
Through all the earth around,
To "Greenland's icy mountains,"
To "India's coral strand,"
To "Afric's sunny fountains,"
To every heathen land.

3. We love to *hear* salvation
As taught in God's own Word;
We love the congregation
In which the truth is heard;
We love to hear the preacher
Proclaim the precious truth;
We love to see the teacher
Explain it to the youth.

4. Salvation! oh, salvation!
Shout, shout the joyful sound!
Ring out the proclamation
Through all the world around!
Proclaim emancipation
To every sin-bound slave!
The full and free salvation
From Christ who died to save!

Invocation.

Tune—"God be with You."

1. Help us meet, O Lord,
With one accord;
May we have thy presence o'er us
As we meet and join in chorus,—
Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)

CHORUS.

As we meet,
As we meet
Round our Father's mercy-seat;
As we sing,
As we pray,
As we speak,
Be with us here to-day (*to-night.*)

2. Heavenly Father, dear!
Wilt thou be here?
Loving Saviour, be thou near us;
Holy Spirit, do thou cheer us,—
Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)

3. As we sing and pray,
Show us thy way;
May we have thy Word before us,
Loving-kindness floating o'er us,—
Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)

4. Grant that all may see
Salvation free;
Hear and heed the Gospel story,
That we all may meet in glory,—
Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)

5. Father, Spirit, Son,
Blest Three in One!
May we all, our sins confessing,
Have forgiveness and thy blessing,
Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)

Benediction.

Tune—"God be with You."

1. Now dismiss us, Lord,
In one accord ;
Give us all thy richest blessing,
Each thy truth and love possessing,—
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.

CHORUS.

All may meet,
All may meet
Ever more
On Jordan's shore ;
Jesus greet,
Jesus greet
On that shore,
With loved ones gone before.

2. Some are here that we
May never see
With us here again to greet us,
Never more on earth to meet us,—
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.

3. While our hearts are glad,
Yet some are sad ;
None will ever meet in Heaven
Till their sins have been forgiven,—
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.

4. O may all believe,
And life receive
From the blessed Gospel story ;
Then we all shall meet in glory,—
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.

5. Jesus ever near,
We need not fear ;
Storms and troubles may alarm us,
Trusting Jesus none can harm us,—
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.

God With Us.

Tune—"God be with You."

1. Ere our service ends,
Let us, dear friends,
Sing once more in parting chorus,
Asking God's protection o'er us,—
God be with us till we meet again.

CHORUS.

"Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with us till we meet again."

2. Shielded by thy might,
We walk aright;
With thy loving arms around us,
Dangers never can confound us,—
God be with us till we meet again.

3. Through the day and night,
O may thy light
Sweetly shine and go before us,
Loving-kindness floating o'er us,—
God be with us till we meet again.

4. Through the coming days
Choose thou our ways;
Like a shepherd do thou lead us,
With thy heavenly manna feed us,—
God be with us till we meet again.

5. Lord, as now we part,
Bless thou each heart;
Keep our home in Heaven before us,
And thy benediction o'er us,—
God be with us till we meet again.

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